

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Gray's Mill Outbuilding (included in McNamara)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

River Road

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City/Catonsville ☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☒ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Taylor Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #:

Folio #:

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A long, two-story, stone building with a gable roof, ridge on the long axis--the roof is standing-seam metal with three large metal ventilators along the ridge. No original fittings remain in the interior. The facade (SW elevation) is a balanced arrangement of nine bays, grouped in threes. The two end groups consist of a large entrance flanked by superimposed windows; the central group consists of windows.

There is a stone-faced mill race to the northwest (up river) of the mill, which empties into the river.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1868

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Gray's Mill, together with the stone mill race, stone house, and intervening building fragments, is a fragment of the once vast system of mills and factories which populated the Patapsco Valley in the early 19th century. The valley was one of the earliest industrial enclaves of Maryland, continuing to the present with 200 years of industrial evolution behind it.

In 1794, the Ellicott brothers, a quaker family primarily responsible for early industrial growth in this part of the valley, sold a mill site down river from their mills to Thomas Mendenhall for the construction of a paper mill. This was purchased by Edward Gray for Gray's Cotton Manufacturing Mill. It was destroyed by fire in 1820, rebuilt, destroyed by flood in 1868, rebuilt, and operated as a mill until about 1880. As late as 1915, the property (including at least 9 stone houses) was in the possession of the Consolidated Gas, Electric Light and Power Company, which ran a generating station there in conjunction with Bloede's dam, upstream (cf. Bloede's Dam form, BA-1587), and later used as a substation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Any disturbance of the remaining structures or ground should be preceded by an archeological investigation. The site, including the mill, mill race, house and intervening land, is probably eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Strong consideration should be given to a nomination, coupled with an archeological investigation.

Beyond the academic/historical importance, both structures are interesting and basically sound. Consideration should be given to declaring excess, at least the house, and selling it for reuse. The DNR might also be interested in adapting both structures for rental, as business or residential property.

Some kind of interpretation is called for on the site. This would add to the general Oella-Ellicott City context.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hopkins Atlas of Baltimore County, 1877

Tyson, Martha E., "Settlement of Ellicott's Mills". John Murphey and Co., 1872.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

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STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

DATE

1978-79

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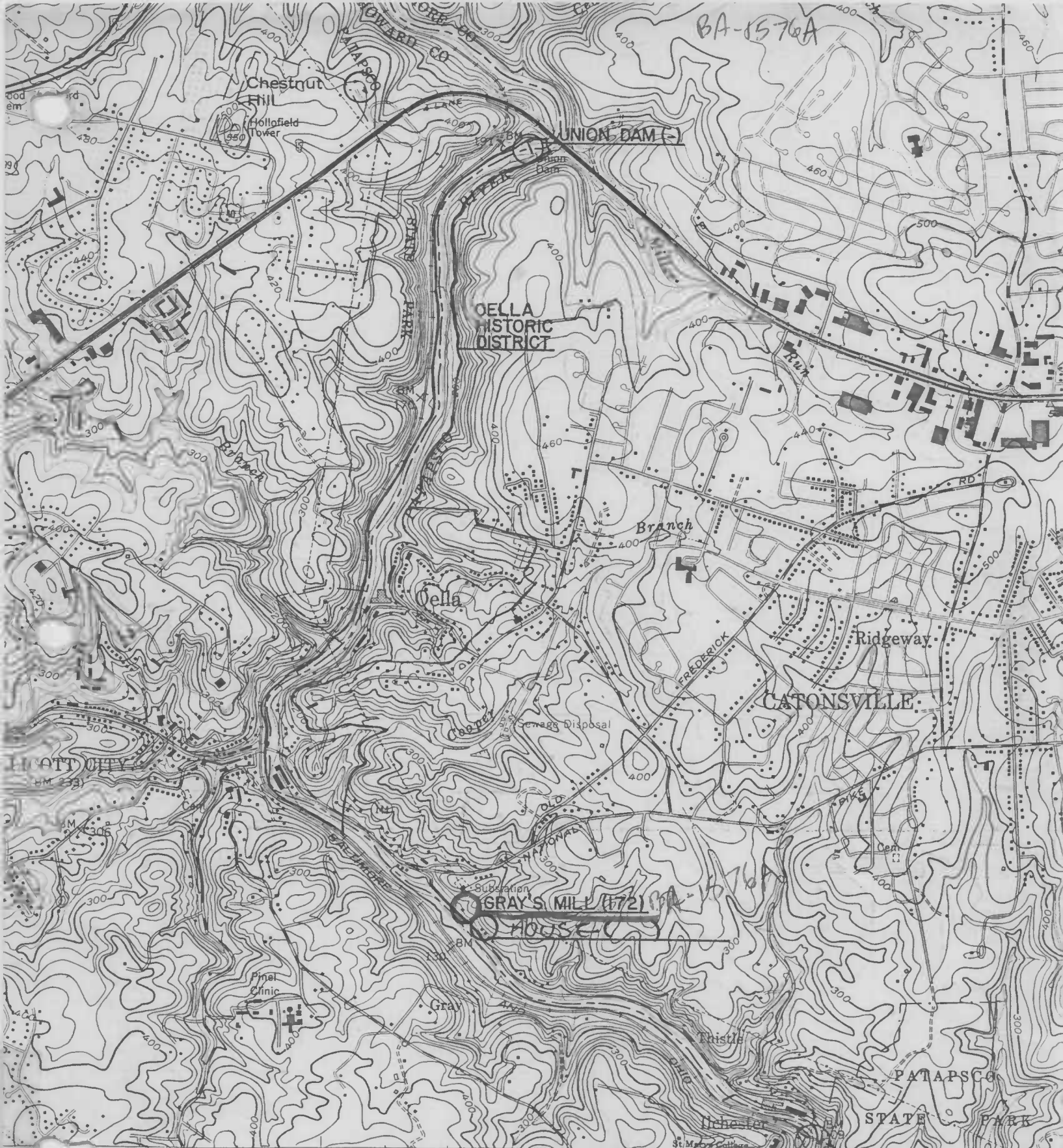
STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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BA-1576A

Chestnut Hill

Hollisfield Tower

UNION DAM

OELLA HISTORIC DISTRICT

Oella

Branch

Ridgeway

CATONSVILLE

GRAY'S MILL (1721)

HOUSE

PATAPSCO

STATE PARK

3 mi 175
WEST BRIDGE 5.9 MI.

345

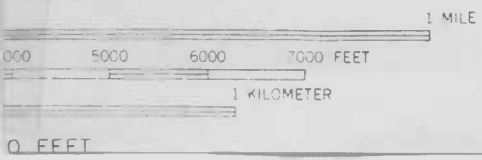
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PATTERSON VIADUCT
ILLCHESTER BRIDGE & TUNNEL
ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty Light-duty
Medium-duty Unimproved dirt





GRAY'S MILL
MILL RACE, N.W. OF MILL
JDH.

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GRAY'S MILL

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MILL RACE

NW OF MILL

MARCH 1979

JDA



GRAY'S MILL

SOUTHWEST ELEV.

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GRAY'S MILL

STONE WALL RUIN

SOUTHEAST OF MILL
FROM SOUTH

JDH



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GRAY'S MILL

MILL RACE (PAVED)

N.W. OF MILL

JDH

MARCH 1979